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COST OF CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether gross return for paddy has gone up over the years and stood at around Rs.11,264 per hectare per annum in 1996-97 whereas the net return works out to a pathetic Rs.379 per hectare; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the cost of cultivation with an aim to help the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Perhaps the Hon`ble member is quoting statistics appearing in a report published in the Economic Times dated 9th April, 2002.

The per hectare gross returns for Paddy in Madhya Pradesh increased over theyears and stood at Rs.6446 in 1996-97 whereas the net returns stood at Rs.1275 in that year. The figure of Rs.11264 refers to value of output of Paddy per hectare in MadhyaPradesh in 1996-97.

(b): For reducing the cost of cultivation, programmes of agricultural development under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes have aimed at increasing productivity leading to decrease in unit cost of production. Besides major inputs like fertilizers, electricity, irrigation water etc. are being supplied at subsidized rates to check rise in cost of cultivation and thus help the farmers.